

YW TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL IN '55

Harbor District Y.W.C.A. will join with 1322 other associations in a three-point program to celebrate the centennial of the Y.W.C.A. in the world in 1955. Program was announced here this week by Mrs. C. E. Halfpenny, president of the Harbor Y, following receipt of a mes-

principles upon which the Y.W.C.A. stands," strengthen the membership, including a minimum increase of 600,000 women and girls over the next two years; and raise a capital fund of \$5,000,000 in birthday gifts from members and friends.

The Centennial Fund is needed to maintain and strengthen the national organization's service to the 439 community associations, 640 student groups, and 244 registered Y.W.C.A.'s comprising the movement in this country.

Fund also will provide a gift of up to \$50,000 for the World's Y.W.C.A., of which the American group is a member.

While advance contributions will be sought at the national level over the full three-year period, the broad birthday effort through local Associations will be concentrated in the spring of 1955.

Founded in England in 1855, the Y.W.C.A. has grown until today, on the eve of the second century, it is the world's largest organization of women and girls dedicated to "realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians," Mrs. Halfpenny said.

Mrs. Laurence S. Rockefeller of New York City, daughter-in-law of John D. Rockefeller Jr. and daughter of the late Mrs. John French, charter member of the National Board of the Y.W.C.A. of the U.S.A., will serve as general chairman of the Centennial Observance and Celebration Committee, said Mrs. Halfpenny.

PINATA TOPS Y FESTIVAL

Highlighting next Friday night's Community Christmas Festival of Nations, sponsored by Torrance Branch Y.W.C.A. will be the Mexican tradition of breaking the pinata.

Torrance Y-teen group led by Connie Walton, president, and Gerry Wood, advisor, will participate in the colorful ceremony, to climax the evening program beginning at 7:30 o'clock at the "Y" building.

Other program features will be a talk by Tardt Tradiposena, YWCA worker from Thailand; singing of Christmas carols; presentation of Mexican and Japanese dances; exhibits from Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Yugoslavia, Poland and China; and a sale of handmade gifts from Switzerland and India.

sage from Mrs. Edward W. Macy, national Y.W.C.A. president.

The threefold program, she said, will undertake to celebrate the centennial throughout the 3,000,000 membership "in the spirit of rededication to the

AAUW Holds Xmas Party

Christmas Fun Night featuring a bazaar for fellowship and finance highlighted last Wednesday night for the American Association of University Women, San Pedro branch.

Included among booth offerings were Christmas decorations sold by Mrs. Joseph Regan; fancywork by Miss Inez Smith; candy by Miss Marjorie Curtis; and white elephant by Mrs. Robert Shepherd. Mrs. Paul Truesdell was general chairman for the affair.

A program in five scenes representing an "Old Fashioned Christmas" was presented following community singing of carols by Mrs. Walter H. Dert.

First scene was "The Night Before Christmas," given by Mrs. William A. Guldinger. Other scenes were "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Piney Pete," by Mrs. Guldinger; "Frosty the Snowman," by Mrs. Stanley Franklin; and a reading of "The Christmas Flower" by Mrs. Alvin Hawkins.

Junior A. A. U. W. will meet next Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p. m. at the home of Miss Elise Ross, 6276 Via Canada. Mrs. Bernice Snow will demonstrate Christmas wrappings and corsage making.

EDITH S. CARRAGHER, FIRST HARBOR SOROPTIMIST PREXY, ELECTED TO REGIONAL OFFICE

First president of Harbor District Soroptimist Club, Mrs. Edith Smith Carragher, will serve on the Legislative Council program committee of three for 1952-53, officials of the new Pacific Region announced recently.

The newly-elected committee member served as chairman of conference location at the Pacific Region conference in Long Beach, where representatives of 67 clubs from areas encompassing Southern Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico and Tijuana, Mexico, gathered Oct. 30 through Nov. 2.

Active in civic affairs, Mrs. Carragher and her family have long been identified with the development of the Lomita area.

She has continued the real estate and insurance business founded by her father, the late J. A. Smith. Narbonne P.T.A. remembers her three years' service as auditor, and she is also known as vice-president of the 18th District California Real Estate Association as well as president of the Torrance-Lomita Real Estate Board.

At last week's Harbor District Soroptimist meeting, Mrs. Hazel Scott Coomes, junior past president, discussed Soroptimist International Convention sessions which she attended in Copenhagen and described her European tour.

Legislation designed to protect illegitimate children, without supporting their parents, was endorsed by the international organization, which has as this year's endeavor the care of handicapped, delinquent, and illegitimate children, reported Mrs. Coomes.

Use of the English language made the traveler feel at home in Denmark and Holland, where she was impressed by courtesy, cleanliness, careful maintenance of property, and a general sense of kindness comparative to that felt in America.

In Belgium and other European countries, however, Mrs. Coomes found a commercialized atmosphere apparent.

She especially enjoyed a three-weeks' visit in the village of Eppenheim, 50 miles from Frankfurt, Germany, where her son, Major Donald Rider, is serving with the U. S. Army. The village, a fortified town as early as 860, lies in the heart of the Odenwald area about which Wagner composed his most famous operas.

Rev. Taylor Points Out Alcohol Evils

"Every concerned citizen should be willing to let the light of truth come into the field, make intelligent decisions, and disaffiliate himself from the use of strong drink," the Rev. John Taylor told the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at last week's Friday meet, held at the First Methodist Church.

"With every other social problem, we say prevention is the only safe procedure," he said. "When we have four or five million alcoholics, we cannot say it is a minor problem."

Rev. Taylor's talk followed a business session conducted by Mrs. Adam Hillier. Mrs. Lena Pisel of the El Nido Baptist Church led devotions.

Each member answered roll call by telling something she was thankful for here in America. Papers were handed out to members instructing them to write to national magazines who do not accept liquor advertisements and commend them for their stand on the issue.

Hostesses for the noon luncheon were Grace Hooper and Inez Ambill.

Group To Fete Artists Today

Local art lovers will have an opportunity today to meet three artists whose works are currently on exhibit at the Public Library and Art Gallery of Palos Verdes Estates.

The three artists, Vanessa Helder, Watson Cross, and George Gibson, will be honored guests at a 3 to 5 p.m. tea and reception, to be held at the Library and Art Gallery. Affair is co-sponsored by the Palos Verdes Community Arts Association.

Exhibit, which includes water colors, drawings, and oils, opened Dec. 1 and will be on display until Dec. 31.

NEW PREXY WILL LEAD WAR MOMS

Newly-elected president, Mrs. Joseph Alvarez of Lomita, will preside at her first business session Wednesday, Dec. 10, when the Magnolia Chapter, American War Mothers, meets at 8 p. m. in the court room of Torrance City Hall.

Committees will be named to carry on the work for the coming year, and plans for giving Christmas presents to hospitalized veterans will be completed.

Included in service projects of the club this past year was the planting of a tree on the ground of Harbor Junior College in honor of service personnel serving in combat in this and previous wars.

B. GRENZOW IS SEVEN

Bright red roses decorated a white cake Saturday of last week at the seventh birthday fete of Bettilu Grenzow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grenzow, 1324 Beech Ave.

Small guests joining in the afternoon of fun and refreshments were Karen Sue Ramus, Emily Mosley, Kathleen McKiernan, Lynda Kimmell, George Gates, Mickey Green, Mary Gertrude Green, Mary Simpson, Beverly Foster, and Theresa Cullen.

Also attending were Bettilu's great-grandmother, Mrs. Priscilla Gates, and her great-uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campanella.

Service Sets Free Lecture At Redondo

"Counseling When Emotional Factors Are Involved in Illness" will be the subject Tuesday evening, Dec. 9, when Mrs. Ival Robertson, R. N., and counselor on the staff of the Compton Counseling Service, presents the third in a series of free lectures to be held in the Tower Room of the First Methodist Church, Broadway and Torrance Blvds., Redondo Beach.

Lecture, to begin at 8 o'clock is sponsored by the Redondo Beach Extension of the Compton Service. Mrs. Dorothy Law, director of the Redondo Extension, will be hostess-chairman for the evening.

The public is invited to attend. Further information may be obtained by calling Frontier 13016.

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